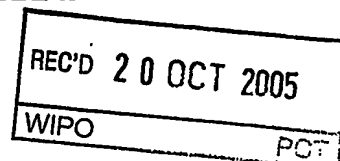


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

- ☐ the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

- ☐ the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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- ☐ the drawings:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 2 0	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4 - 1 2	YES
	Claims	1 - 3, 1 3 - 2 0	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 2 0	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations(Rule 70.7)

Cited documents in the international search report:

D1. JP 9-042595 A (TOYODA GOSEI CO., LTD.) 1997.02.14

D2. JP 7-506414 A (TEKNIK-KUSTEN KB) 1995.07.13

Claim 1-3,13:

The subject matters of claim 1-3 do not involve an inventive step over document 1 and 2 for the following reasons.

Although D1 does not disclose the technical feature of each of the liner components being fixedly provided inside thereof with a reinforcing wall, the liner components corresponding to each other in the position of the reinforcing wall, the reinforcing walls of adjacent pair of liner components being joined to each other, both the present invention and that of D2 share the same problem, that is, having an increased pressure resistant strength against longitudinal force, and employ the same technical feature. Therefore, employing the feature disclosed in D2 in order to constitute the present invention would have been easily conceived by the person skilled in the art.

Claim 14-20:

The subject matters of claim 14-20 do not involve an inventive step over document 1 and 2 for the following reasons.

The skilled person in the art would easily conceive the idea of using a pressure vessel for general uses.

Claim 4-12:

The subject matters of claim 4-12 are neither disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

It is not clear what "Friction agitation" is.